



Moultonborough Town News

Fall 2015

NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



Our new Town Administrator, Walter Johnson, began work on September 6th 2015. Here is an introduction to who he is in his own words. I live in Holderness, NH, which is a short, but enjoyable twenty minutes to Town Hall. I was born in Taunton Massachusetts and attended Coyle and Cassidy High School and went on to study land and construction surveying at Franklin Institute of Boston and Civil Engineering at Bristol Community College. I later returned to Granite State College as an adult learner and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. I spent several years working in the city engineer's office and with a private engineering firm before moving to New Hampshire in 1980 where I soon became interested in selling real estate. I enjoyed a successful career in real estate sales and management for over 16 years before my interests turned to local government and public administration. After moving "Above the Notch" to Lisbon, NH I was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1986 and served a total of 10 years before taking the position as Lisbon's 2nd Town Administrator in 1998. In 2005 I accepted the position as the Town Administrator in the neighboring town of Holderness and served there for the past 10 years before accepting the Moultonborough position. My former wife and I have 2 wonderful daughters, both are now out of college and concentrating on their own careers in the Boston area, one as a sports network television producer, and one as an operations specialist for a medical information website company. I also enjoy the wonderful friendship of an 11 year old boy Logan who is the son of a friend. Logan is a real joy to spend time with and is very smart when it comes to science and prehistoric history. In addition to my family and professional career, I've spent several years serving the communities I have lived in including: The Lisbon Lions Club for the past 32 years, the Lisbon and Holderness Fire Departments for the past 30 years, and the Plymouth Rotary Club for the past 3 years. I've also served as a planning board member and a school district moderator. My hobbies and activities include fishing, boating, golf, hiking, Alpine and Nordic skiing and occasionally running a 5K road race. I feel confident that my vast experience and knowledge has prepared me well to serve as your new Town Administrator and look forward to a long and successful tenure serving the citizens of Moultonborough.

I can be reached at 603-476-2347, via e-mail at wjohnson@moultonboroughnh.gov or by stopping by the offices in Town Hall.



SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COMES TO MOULTONBOROUGH IN 2016

The Moultonborough Select Board voted unanimously to modify the method of handling our recycling materials at the Waste Management Facility (Transfer Station) in 2016. As a result of the change users of the facility will now be co-mingling their recyclables and depositing them into one location rather than separating all recyclable items into several bins. This new method of waste management will benefit the community in many ways including: Less managing recyclables at home requiring only separation of regular trash and recyclables into two bins or containers, which is due to single stream recycling accepts co-mingling of recyclables with more types of plastics, paper and other items. Most importantly your trip to the Waste Management Facility should be much shorter as you will no longer have to sit in line for long periods of time at the facility waiting for others to go from bin to bin and one side of the driveway to the other to deposit items! In early 2016 information about what can and cannot be disposed of in the recycling bin will be posted on the Town's website along with other important information regarding this important change in Moultonborough's waste management process.



MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Moultonborough Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs and activities for residents and visitors of all ages. Please check out our upcoming winter activities and events such as; Adult Pickle Ball, Adult Trips, Youth Basketball, After-school Drop-In Program, Vacation Camp, Teen Bubble Soccer Night, our ice rink and skating programs and much more. These activities and events can be found on our website –www.moultonboroughnh.gov – go to Departments and Boards and click on Recreation. You can also contact us at 476-8868 or check us out on Facebook.

Need to Contact Us: Phone: (603) 476-2347 Fax: (603) 476-5835

www.moultonboroughnh.gov

FACILITY PERMITS: PERMIT STICKERS & GUEST PASSES



Permit Stickers are required for: Town Beaches including Long Island Beach, States Landing Beach and Center Harbor Beach (As long as the Town of Center Harbor continues to grant such privilege) and the Waste Management Facility (Transfer Station).

Residents and taxpayers: are allowed unlimited purchase of Permit Stickers and two (2) Guest Passes per household. Valid car registrations are required for each sticker purchased.

IT IS THE RESIDENT OR TAXPAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PURCHASE GUEST PASSES FOR THE BEACHES, AND REMIND YOUR GUEST TO DISPLAY THE GUEST PASS IN A VISIBLE LOCATION.

Taxpayers who use rental cars, by special exception, authorized by the Board of Selectmen, may carry a decal unattached only if accompanied by a letter from the Administration Office. They must display the decal and the letter in the rental vehicles where it is readily visible at all times while on Town Property.

Permits are \$20.00 each and will be issued to residents and/or taxpayers of the Town of Moultonborough and are valid for a two year period. Decals will be replaced free of charge if the original valid decal or some portion of it, is RETURNED. Please remember that if you trade in your vehicle, scrape off the decal to enable you to get the free replacement. Otherwise there will be a \$20.00 fee to replace it. All permits must be affixed appropriately to the vehicle at once. The permit cannot be on loose cardboard, plastic template or handheld. If the decal is not affixed to the vehicle or does not agree with the vehicle's registration number, you will not be permitted to use the facility. Permits must be placed on the driver's side of the windshield.

For full details of the Ordinance, please go to the Town Website: www.moultonboroughnh.gov – Ordinances & Policies, An Ordinance Relative to the Operation of the Moultonborough Resource Recovery Park Waste Management Facility.



NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Please join in welcoming Ashley Nickerson Pouliot as your new Deputy Tax Collector! Ashley is a lifelong resident of Moultonborough and joined us in July. She enjoys singing and acts as the Music Director at the Moultonboro United Methodist Church. Ashley is excited to be in her new position and looks forward to being in this office for years to come!

Are you a seasonal resident of Moultonborough or a resident who enjoys participating in conservation opportunities? Well, you can look no further than your tax bill! We now offer **PAPERLESS BILLING** and **ONLINE PAYMENTS** through our tax kiosk accessed through the link on the Town's website or at www.nhtaxkiosk.com. These features offer you the ability to receive your invoices electronically through your personal email account, thus avoiding the frustration of the mail forwarding process for seasonal residents and the potential delay/lost in the mail syndrome for all taxpayers. This feature is **EASY** to use and provides a **SECURE** way to manage your property taxes. We encourage you to take advantage of both of these features and welcome you to check our Town's website where you can access links for signing up, it's that easy!

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the taxpayers of our community. If we can be of assistance or answer questions that may not be accessible through our website, please feel free to contact us Monday – Friday 9am to 4pm (we are open during lunch hours).



KEEP TOWN REVENUES IN TOWN BY REGISTERING YOUR BOAT WITH US!

You will soon be receiving your boat renewal paperwork from the State of New Hampshire. Renew your Boat Registration at the Town Hall instead of mailing it to the State, and the Town fee will be retained by the Town. If you mail your fee into the State they keep both the Town's portion of the registration as well as their own.

If you would like to know more about the Boat Registration process please call the Town Clerks Office at 603-476-2347, Monday – Friday 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm or you can go online to www.moultonboroughnh.gov.



LIBRARY NEWS "Friends of the Library"

The Moultonborough Public Library has one of the largest "Friends of the Library" organizations in the entire state of NH with 250 members. The Friends faithfully support our popular Summer Reading Program (this year 140 children participated). Every spring and fall the Friends arrange a series of engaging book discussions with scholars. The yearly "Mary Rice Outstanding Volunteer Award" is presented by the Friends to a member who has made an extraordinary contribution to the library. The Friends give every child at the Moultonborough Central School a brand new hardcover book to add to their own personal library. The Book and Author Luncheon is organized by the Friends at the Bald Peak Colony Club. February's very popular "Soup and Sweets" free lunch (a community event) is also made possible by the members. During holiday parties, the Friends bake delicious cookies and treats, and help set-up and clean-up. The Friends sponsor the library passes to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the Wright Museum, the Currier Museum, Canterbury Shaker Village, the Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (Planetarium). Every other year they undertake a huge fundraising project, the "House Tour" which raises several thousand dollars and requires dozens and dozens of volunteers. Last year the Friends contributed to the purchase of our new outdoor bronze sculpture and to our landscaping. A new initiative for the Friends is the "Chocolate Fare" fundraiser. Our library would not be the remarkable place it is without the "Friends of the Library" and their hard work and dedication. Thank you to all the Friends of the Library!



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

On August 18, Vision Government Solutions submitted the final values for 2015 to us. We then filed the MS-1 Report, which provides information on the total assessed value of all properties in town with the NH Department of Revenue Administration, on August 31. Total assessed values increased approximately 1% from 2014 to 2015, mostly due to increases in utility and telecommunications values. Residential, commercial and industrial (not including telecommunications) properties saw a smaller increase of about 0.3%.

As of September 30, 2015, Northern New England Multiple Listing Service statistics indicated there had been one hundred residential sales in Moultonborough since the beginning of the year. Nine of those sold for more than one million dollars. The statistics also show that there are approximately two hundred residential properties for sale in Moultonborough. Currently twenty-seven of these are listed for more than one million dollars.

We will continue the cyclical property inspections (measure and list) starting this fall for the 2016 cycle. We completed all of Moultonboro Neck last summer and will inspect properties in the Lees Pond, Sheridan Road, Skyline Drive and Ossipee Mountain Road areas, as well as those in Balmoral, Suissevale and Bald Peak that have not already recently been inspected due to either a recent sale or building permit. During 2014-2015, we had an increase in local timber harvesting activities. We recorded the largest revenue from timber taxes in the last seven years.

As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have regarding your property. You can also view property information on the Town's website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov.

MILFOIL CONTINUES TO GROW IN MOULTONBOROUGH



← Typical amount of Aquatic Variable Milfoil harvested daily.

Unfortunately, 2015 was a very good year for the growth of invasive Aquatic Variable Milfoil weeds because of abundant sunshine and warm water. Your Moultonborough Milfoil Committee was very active on many fronts to combat this menace that can reduce the recreational use and value of our ponds and lakes. This is the first year we were able to treat or hand harvest all reported sites of Milfoil infestations! Over 14,000 gallons of Variable Milfoil were removed by divers and DASH harvesting crews from Lake Winnepesaukee and Lees Pond in Moultonborough.

We have been able to minimize the use of herbicide treatments, and prefer to pull the roots of the milfoil plants using diver harvesting to lessen the chance of re-growth. It's more costly, but more effective. Dive costs went up 29% in 2015 primarily driven by increased use and recently adopted OSHA standards for commercial divers requiring two tenders on each boat, and 2-way underwater voice communication between the diver and the boat.

Yes, there is still milfoil growing in Moultonborough but we are beginning to hold our own in the battle against this tenacious aquatic weed. Thank you for your continued support of this important effort!

MOULTONBOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

College and Career Ready

The Moultonborough School District prepares students for a range of post high school options. We work with each student to find the best option for his or her future plans. Graduates attend a variety of colleges, universities, and technology schools and also choose to join different branches of the United States military.

MA College Attendance—Classes 2013-2015

Bentley University, Boise State University, Brandeis University, Bridgewater State College, Bryant University, Cazenovia College, Coastal Carolina University, Colby-Sawyer College, College of Creative Studies, Eastern Nazarene College, Empire Beauty School, Fashion Institute of Technology, Fitchburg State College, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fordham University, High Point University, Husson University, Johnson & Wales University, Johnson State College, Keene State College, Lakes Region Community College, Lehigh University, Lesley University, Long Island University, Massachusetts School of Art & Design, Middlebury College, Muhlenberg College, NH Technical Institute, Norwich University, Pace University, Paul Smith College, Plymouth State University, Rivier University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Salve Regina University, Santa Barbara City College, Southern Maine Community College, Southern NH University, St. Lawrence University, St. Michael's College, Suffolk University, SUNY Canton, Thomas College, Tufts University, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Maine Farmington, University of New Hampshire, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, University of Ohio, University of Rhode Island, University of Southern Maine, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Williams College, Enlistment in US Army, US Marine Corps, US Coast Guard

MA's Advanced Placement Program Strong

Moultonborough Academy offers four Advanced Placement (AP) courses each year, English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB, and US History. MA also offers AP Latin and Environmental Science every other year and has offered French in the past and will offer it again as needed. Some students also opt to take AP tests for courses that are not offered as an AP class at MA, such as Psychology or World History, on their own and submit those scores to colleges.

Percent of juniors or seniors who took an AP course (based on 2014 data):

National	22%	New Hampshire	15%
MA	30%	MA in 2015	38%



In 2015, twelve Moultonborough Academy students were honored for their AP performance.

WORLD LANGUAGES IN OUR SCHOOLS

Language learning provides many benefits for developing minds. Science shows that it spurs cognitive development, engaging parts of the brain associated with higher order thinking and problem solving. In addition, exposure to world languages connects students with other cultures and helps students understand and work with people from all over the world. Global citizenship is a necessity in our ever-changing world, and learning a second language makes our students adaptable and competitive in their future.

Here in Moultonborough, our students begin engaging with world culture in kindergarten. This gives our students a significant advantage over those who do not begin second language study until high school. In grades K-5, students receive regular instruction in Spanish, along with special enrichment lessons in homeroom classes. In 6th grade, students begin daily lessons in Spanish and French for the whole year.

At Moultonborough Academy, 7th graders choose one language to focus on (French, Latin, or Spanish), and deepen their studies in that topic. Upon completion of 8th grade, students earn a full high school credit in their chosen language and may continue to study it all the way through to senior year. They may also choose a third language (their first being English), or even a fourth to study. Our intensive programs give students a strong chance to score well on Advanced Placement™ tests and place into a high level language class in college.

This comprehensive program is a real strength of our community, and we are proud to offer this opportunity to our students.



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